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Message From the Editor

Marie Elena Botte
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Greetings! Once again, I must begin with thanks, in particular to Donna Hovey who has done another fantastic job assembling the Class Notes section of this edition, and to Christopher Hartley and his staff at the MGH Institute for their expertise with layout and design.

I have a correction to share from the last issue. The wrong photo was published for the Class of 1975 at Homecoming; the correct photo is reproduced in this issue.

I received a lovely note from Miss Natalie Petzold, in which she thanked everyone who contributed to the article, including Linda Lass Orrell for her work with the oral history project and MGH Institute President Ann Caldwell for her remembrances.

She also clarified her educational preparation. "I took a leave of absence in 1959 to complete my master's degree, graduating in 1960. My thoughts of completing a doctoral degree were put on hold to do the feasibility study, proposal, and planning for the graduate program in Nursing as part of the Institute of Health Professions. That was an experience of a lifetime. What an opportunity to do something quite unprecedented!" She added, "I value my time at MGH, the experiences and people who were such a source of enjoyment, support, help, and challenge. It's a joy to come back to MGH several times a year and to see some of the folks I remember at Homecoming."

Speaking of Homecoming, I would like to remind you that the Alumnae Association is trying something new this year, and holding the Saturday Homecoming luncheon at the MGH Institute in the Charlestown Navy Yard. I look forward to seeing you there.

Stay involved, share your stories and your news. It is always such a pleasure to hear from MGH nursing alums!

Marie Botte
MGH NAA Publications Editor

On the Cover:

MGH Celebrates Black SON Alumnae

On February 17, 2006 several black alumnae from the MGH School of Nursing were honored as part of an African American Pinning Ceremony that has become an annual Black History Month event at MGH.

Present at the ceremony, and on the cover (left to right) are Edith Barboza Clark '58, Shirley Kelley Fortson '55, Christine Jones Reid '54, and Barbara King Hemingway '59. Not pictured, but also recognized at the event was Margo Taylor '59.

Ms. Taylor had read about Deborah Washington, RN, MS, Director, Diversity, Patient Services at MGH, and wrote to congratulate her on her position, and offered to connect her up with some of the black SON students from the 1950s.

The stories of these African American Alumnae were told by master of ceremonies Ron Green, RN, and each received a pin and an African stole. I was able to speak with Ms. Taylor, Ms. Clark, Ms.Fortson, and Ms. Reid, all of whom remembered their MGH days fondly.

Each credited the Big Sister/ Little Sister program that all students enjoyed for helping them through. Even in the days before civil rights each noted that classmates were very welcoming from the beginning.

Shirley Fortson, who was at Homecoming last year celebrating her 50th reunion, noted that her MGH education "certainly stood by me, for over 50 years of nursing." Edith Clark added, "I always felt part of the family, and made lifelong friends."

News from the MGH Community

MGH INSTITUTE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Generalist Completion Ceremony
April 29, 2006

Jeanne Eskander represented the MGH NAA at the MGH Institute's annual Generalist Completion Ceremony and delivered these remarks:

"I am pleased to be here representing the MGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association and to be presenting scholarships from the NAA to two MGH Institute students. Our NAA President, Diane Smith, sends her greetings and was disappointed that she was unable to attend due to work obligations.

"The Nurses' Alumnae Association remains an active organization despite the school having graduated the last class twenty-five years ago. As an organization, the NAA presents two Continuing Education programs yearly, the last of which some of you may have had the opportunity to attend, and hopefully many of you will take an interest in attending in the future.

"Each year at the Generalist Ceremony, the NAA presents two scholarships to deserving students to help with their education. As we on the Board of Directors do not have the opportunity to meet many of the Institute students, we award the scholarships based on letters of recommendation written by members of the faculty. I am sure the faculty has a difficult time deciding amongst many deserving students, but from their very impressive letters, they have chosen well-deserving recipients.

"The first scholarship awarded by the NAA is given in the name of Adele Corkum. It is given in recognition of qualities possessed by Adele Corkum, known to many as "Corky," such as outstanding compassion and caring toward classmates, patients and family. Today, I have the pleasure of presenting this award to David Nawroeki.

Jeanne Eskander (left), with MGH Institute alumna Kerry Mahar '91, waiting to speak.

"The second scholarship is given in the name of Ruth Sleeper. While applying to the MGH School of Nursing, I had an interview with Miss Sleeper, and she gave me a list of goals that I had to attain if I wanted to be accepted into the program. Miss Sleeper commanded the upmost respect and I went on my way with a conviction that I must attain every goal she set before me. Thus, I will always be indebted to her for my successful career in nursing.

"Now back to the scholarship. The Ruth Sleeper scholarship is given in recognition of excellence in the theory and

practice of nursing. As a result of glowing recommendations the award is being given to Mary McNeice.

"In closing, I want to point out the statue dedicated to nursing that sits on the lawn at the entrance to the hospital grounds. This statue was a gift from the MGH NAA to the MGH Department of Nursing, which we are all very proud of. If you have not yet seen it please pass by it as you leave today.

"I wish all the MGH Institute students a successful and gratifying experience as you venture off into the profession of nursing."

Jeanne Eskander, RN, CRNI '69
Board of Directors

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Nurse Recognition Week
May 7 - 12, 2006

The 2006 **Nurse Recognition Week** celebration was one of the best ever. We started the week with breakfasts for hundreds of staff nurses on Sunday and Monday mornings. I enjoyed this opportunity to connect with many MGH nurses.

On Monday afternoon, Dr. Suzanne Graham, Director of Patient Safety for Kaiser Permanente in California, presented strategies for enhancing communication so that patient safety can be enhanced.

Tuesday morning we heard from the two nurses featured in the *Boston Globe* series, MJ Pender and Julia Zelixon, as well as from *Globe* reporter Scott Allen and photographer Michele McDonald, about their behind-the-scenes experiences in making the story, "The Making of an ICU Nurse" come to life. They noted the impact this immersion project has had on their respective careers and lives. Later that day we enjoyed a wonderful conversation with Dr. Joyce Clifford, President of The Institute for Nursing Healthcare Leadership, who shared her insights about nursing practice – past, present and future.

Mid-week, we celebrated Nursing Research Day, which is a highly-visible way of showcasing a myriad of nursing research efforts...from the 40 nursing research posters which lined the walls of the MGH...to the scientific sessions showcasing the research findings of three impressive studies conducted by MGH nurses...to the annual Yvonne L. Munn Nursing Research Lecture and Awards. This year's speaker was Loretta Sweet Jemmott, PhD, FAAN, RN, Co-Director, The Center for Health Disparities Research, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She inspired us by sharing her program of research.

Thursday, May 11, I presented my annual address to the MGH nursing staff entitled, "Professional Nursing: MGH at It's Best." We closed the week with a wonderful party at the Museum of Science. It was a great week and a terrific way to thank MGH nurses for their dedication and commitment to excellence in patient care.

Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN, MS
Sr. Vice President for Patient Care and Chief Nurse

Homecoming 2006

The MGH Institute of Health Professions Welcomes the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association

September 30, 2006 Homecoming

The MGH Institute of Health Professions is proud to welcome the MGH School of Nursing alumnae to the Institute's Catherine Filene Shouse Building for its 2006 Homecoming event.

Located in the historic Charlestown Navy Yard, the Shouse Building houses all of the Institute's classrooms and activities (except for clinical practicums).

In addition, the official archives of the MGH School of Nursing (catalogued and boxed up by the late Helen Sherwin) are now located onsite at the MGH Institute, in an environmentally controlled room which was funded by a grant from the MGH NAA.

The MGH Institute looks forward to showing off its facility, such as the nursing skills labs–as well as the archives–to all of you.

The MGH Institute will provide free, hosted parking in the navy yard parking garage adjacent to MGH's Building 149, which is just two blocks from the Shouse Building.

The Partner' shuttle bus also runs between Building 149 and the Institute, for those who prefer not to walk.

www.mghihp.edu/alumni/mghnaa

Optional Saturday Sessions

SimMan Demo: Experience a live demonstration of the latest in case-based simulation technology for health care professionals. SimMan can not only mimic an array of vital signs, but can be programmed to test students reactions under various conditions. Presented by Associate Professor Sue Myers, PhD, RN.

Student Panel Presentation: Hear from current Institute nursing students about what it's like to enter the field as a career changer, how clinical rotations have evolved, and how new technologies have impacted the delivery of care. Moderated by Clinical Assistant Professor, Beth Friedlander, PhD, RN '80.

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Friday, September 29

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
O'Keeffe Auditorium
55 Fruit Street, Boston
9:00am - 3:00pm

Preliminary Program:

Morning Remarks
Marianne Ditomassi, RN,
Massachusetts General Hospital

Helen Sherwin Memorial Lecture
Jean Steele, PhD, RN, FAAN,
Faculty Emerita, MGH Institute of Health Professions

Cultural Diversity at MGH
Deborah Washington, RN, MSN,
Director, Diversity Patient Care Services, Massachusetts General Hospital

Health Care Needs of Immigrant Women
Ursula Kelly, PhD, APRN-BC,
Assistant Professor, MGH Institute of Health Professions

Reflections on an Illustrious Career
Constance Holleran, RN, MSN,
MGH SON '56

Afternoon Remarks
Margery Chisholm, RN, EdD, Director, Graduate Program in Nursing, MGH Institute of Health Professions

Saturday, September 30

MGH INSTITUTE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Catherine Filene Shouse Building
Charlestown Navy Yard

9:00am *Optional, Free Pre-Program*

- Registration, hosted coffee & juice

9:30am - 10:15am

- Demonstration of SimMan, a state-of-the art, programmable patient simulator (45 min)

10:15am - 11:15am

- Panel featuring Institute nursing students (60 min)

15-minute break

11:30am - 12:00pm

- Registration, with cash bar

12:00pm - 2:00pm

- MGH NAA Business Meeting
- MGH Institute Update, Ann Caldwell, President

Lunch service, class photos, coffee & dessert

2:15 – 4:15pm *Optional Session*

- Limited spaces are available for alumnae interested in volunteering on the MGH School of Nursing archives project, and/or learning interviewing techniques to assist with the Nursing Oral History Project

A registration form for both the Friday Continuing Education program and Saturday's Homecoming activities can be found on page 36.

Hotel Options for Homecoming Weekend:

Attendees have a variety of options to consider for nearby accommodations, all of which are within walking distance of restaurants. *Prices listed reflect current published.*

There are two options within the navy yard:

- **Constitution Inn** 617-241-8400 *www.constitutioninn.com,* Mention 'MGH' for $99 rate
- **Marriott Residence Inn on Tudor Wharf** 617-242-9000 *www.marriott.com,* all-suite hotel, Mention MGH NAA for $249 rate (if reserved by Sept. 1)

The MBTA inner harbor water ferry provides direct access to the Charlestown Navy Yard from Long Wharf/Aquarium for just $1.50 each way (10 minute ride). Two hotels just steps from the harbor ferry include:

- **Harborside Inn** 888-723-7565 *www.harborsideinnboston.com,* starting at $209 per night
- **Boston Marriott Long Wharf** 617-227-0800, *www.marriott.com,* starting at $309 per night.

Alternately, for those wishing to stay near the MGH campus, and travel to the navy yard via the Partners shuttle bus, there are several options including:

Holiday Inn Select Boston Government Center 800-315-2621 *www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/sl/1/en/hd/bosgc,* (Mention MGH Reunion for $149 rate)

The Partners shuttle bus runs continuously between MGH, North Station and the Charlestown Navy Yard. The navy yard is easily accessible from the Mass Pike and I-93, as well as via public transportation.

Directions to the MGH Institute

www.mghihp.edu/directions

FROM THE NORTH via I-93: Take exit 28 "Boston/Sullivan Square/Charlestown" to Maffa Way. Take a slight right onto Rutherford Avenue. Get in the left hand lane and turn left onto Chelsea Street. Follow Chelsea Street to 3rd traffic light and turn right at 5th Street. Go one block (5th Street dead-ends) and turn left onto 1st Avenue.

FROM THE NORTH via RTE. 1S: Follow Rte. 1S over Tobin Bridge ($3 toll). Take "Charlestown/Somerville" exit. At first light, turn right onto Rutherford Avenue and bear immediately to the left turn lane. At light, turn left onto Chelsea Street. Follow Chelsea Street to third traffic light and turn right at 5th Street. Go one block (5th Street dead-ends) and turn left onto 1st Avenue.

FROM THE SOUTH via I-93: Take the Government Center, Exit 23. Stay in the right-hand lane. Stay straight onto Cross Street. Turn slightly right onto Joe Tecce Way/N. Washington Street. N. Washington Street turns into Rutherford Street/MA-99. At end of bridge turn right onto Chelsea Street. Follow Chelsea Street to third traffic light and turn right at 5th Street. Go one block (5th Street dead-ends) and turn left onto 1st Avenue.

FROM THE WEST: Take the Mass Turnpike (I-90) to I-93 North -- follow directions for "FROM THE SOUTH via I-93," above.

By Subway (Green, Orange lines)

Take commuter rail, Green line, or Orange line to North Station. From there, take Partners Shuttle:

By Partners Shuttle

Take any Partners shuttle displaying an "MGH/CNY" placard, which departs Massachusetts General Hospital every fifteen minutes on the quarter hour, beginning at 5:30am Monday to Friday (every half hour on weekends beginning at 9:00am) from the shuttle stop located between the Jackson Building doors and the Blossom Street loading dock (after 6pm, it moves to Gray Building doors).

From MGH the shuttle stops at North Station – at the intersection of Canal and Causeway Streets – on its way to the Navy Yard. Take the second shuttle stop after North Station, which is the intersection of Chelsea Street and 5th Street ("Gate 4"). From 5th Street, walk one block to the stop sign and turn left onto 1st Avenue. *The Partners shuttle is free to all riders.*

By Inner Harbor Ferry (from Long Wharf)

The Navy Yard can be reached from Long Wharf, (Aquarium, Blue line), which is within walking distance of South Station (Red line) and State Street (Orange, Blue lines).

The ferry drops passengers off at the end of Terry Ring Way. Walk up Terry Ring Way toward 1st Avenue, past the public park and Korean War Veterans Memorial. The Shouse Building will be on the right, adjacent to the park. The Long Wharf ferry operates Monday to Friday from 6:30am - 8pm, and on Saturdays from 10:00am - 6:00pm.

Cost: Inner Harbor Ferry is $1.50/adults or $0.75/seniors, one way. Boat, Zone 1-9, Combo-plus and Visitor Unlimited Ride passes are all accepted.

Parking

Limited metered parking is available along 1st Avenue. To get to the parking garage from the Shouse Building, follow the posted blue "Parking" street signs and continue along 1st Avenue to 13th Street and turn left. Go two short blocks and turn right onto 5th Avenue to parking garage entrance.

The parking garage operates 24 hours a day. The daily public parking rate is $3 for the first hour and $1 for each additional half-hour. After six hours, the all-day rate of $14 is charged. (Once enrolled the MGH Institute, discounted student rates are available.)

Walking from the Parking Garage

Exit the parking garage onto 13th Street. Turn left and walk two short blocks (toward the water) to 1st Avenue. Turn right and walk two blocks down 1st Avenue to the Shouse Building.

Student Paper Award

MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association Accepting Entries for Student Paper

The MGHNAA is accepting submissions from students of the MGH Institute of Health Professions Graduate Program in Nursing for the Student Paper Award.

Awards will be made in October and May annually. *Deadline for submission is October 10 and May 10 each year.*

The purpose of this award is to provide a mechanism by which to recognize outstanding students for creative and innovative writing skills in defining what nursing is to them or a topic of current interest in nursing.

The winning paper will be recognized as follows:

- A $750 cash award
- The paper will be published in **The Record**

Eligibility and Requirements:

This award is open to all students of the MGH Institute's Graduate Program in Nursing at the time of submission. The paper must be submitted in electronic form for publication (MS Word or rich text format) to *Lindaorrell@aol.com* and to *MGHNAA@aol.com* by October 10 for the fall award and by May 10 for the spring award. The paper should not exceed 10 pages including references, tables, and figures. Include name, email address, mailing address, and phone number with the submission.

Review Criteria:

The Communications and Publications Committee of the MGHNAA will review papers and decisions are up to the discretion of the committee. The decisions will focus on the ideas presented, writing style, and the general interest of the topic to the members of the Alumnae Association.

Notification:

All submissions will be notified by email when the submission is received and the winning award recipient will be notified by email and in written form within two weeks after the submission deadline.

Explore South Africa's Health Care System:

Cape Town, July 4 - 20, 2007

The MGH Institute's summer 2007 offering of it's interdisciplinary ***International Health Experience*** course invites alumnae of both the MGH School of Nursing and the MGH Institute to participate in this educational tour.

A combination of up to 15 students and alumni will join an Institute faculty member on this 16-day trip to Cape Town, South Africa, visiting with local nursing and health care professionals at a variety of health care facilities and nonprofit organizations, as well as cultural and political landmarks.

Side trips will include visiting a game reserve and a full-day excursion through the Winelands.

Cost is estimated at $3,500 per person, including airfare. Nursing contact hours may be available.

For more information, email alumni@mghihp.edu, or call Christopher Hartley at (617)724-6399.

New Initiatives at the MGH Institute

In response to AACN recommendations and recent national surveys, the MGH Institute of Health Professions is developing a **Doctor of Nursing Practice** (DNP) degree. The first phase of initiation of the Clinical Doctoral Program will be to institute a transitional DNP program in Fall 2007. Answering the shortage of baccalaureate-prepared nurses "at the bedside," the MGH Institute is also developing a **fast-track BSN** that is scheduled to begin in Summer 2008.

The community health clinical course, lead by **Assistant Professor Pat Duynstee** and **Clinical Associate Professor Karen Wolf**, has expanded its practicum sites to the Charlestown Community Center.

The Parent-Child Research Collective (PCRC) is in its second year and the second stage of the lactation consultation project. This term the plans are to collect focus group data and develop the next stage of the project. Students are offered the opportunity to participate in this project as part of their Scholarly Project. The purpose of the PCRC is to provide quality research support for organizations serving parent-child populations.

The idea of a research collective was conceived in 2003 when Institute faculty **Drs. Christine Bridges** and **Nancy Terres** met with Jewish Family Community Services to discuss opportunities for a mutually beneficial alliance. Further meetings were placed on hold when Dr. Bridges became ill. In the days after Dr. Bridges' untimely death her family expressed a concern that her work continue. Toward that goal the Parent-Child Research Collective (PCRC) was formed.

Assistant Professor Sue Myers and **Clinical Assistant Professor Pat Reidy** have implemented Human Patient Simulation into some of the classes. The first year class has utilized SimVital and SimMan in the Health Assessment class. The students participated in a case-based scenario, assessing cardiovascular and respiratory skills.

Second-year Pediatric and Family students participated in a case scenario using SimBaby and SimMan. The objectives in the Advanced Health Assessment class were to foster their diagnostic reasoning skills, communication and teamwork. The student response has been very favorable.

Assistant Professor Deborah D'Avolio is the 2006-2008 John A Hartford/Atlantic Philanthropies Claire M. Fagin Fellow. She will study at the John A. Hartford Center at the University of Pennsylvania. In 2000, the John A. Hartford Foundation trustees endorsed an initiative to Build Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity in response to the critical needs of nursing in general, and geriatric nursing in particular.

Professor Patrice Nicholas received a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award in South Africa for 2007. The main goal of the Fulbright Program in South Africa is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the USA and the people of South Africa, through educational, cultural and professional exchange.

Assistant Professor Elissa Ladd received a $399,400 grant through the US Attorneys General Consumer and Prescriber Pharmaceutical Education Program. This program is a result of a class action settlement paid by Warner-Lambert (a division of Pfizer) that resulted from off-label promotions and marketing of their popular drug Neurontin.

The money will be used to produce an educational documentary on the pharmaceutical industry, pharmaceutical marketing and the ethical dimensions of prescribing. It will be directed to advanced practice nurses with prescriptive privileges. The documentary will be disseminated initially in a web-based format with a pre and post-interven-

tion assessment tool. Later, in conjunction with the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF), it will be disseminated nationally to individuals and schools of nursing with advanced practice programs.

In April, **Clinical Associate Professor Karen Wolf** was nominated by her students and recognized at BostonWorks' annual Salute to Nurses:

"Karen is a teacher who motivates...Not only does she engage her students in the subject matter at hand, but she demonstrates her commitment to community health by her other roles as a Nurse Practitioner and as a spokesperson for the National Health Service Corps of America."

Clinical Instructor Sharon Sullivan was awarded BostonWorks' first Nursing Faculty Achievement Award. She was nominated by two students, Tara Sayegh and Sally Watson.

Associate Professor Linda Andrist was appointed Visiting Research Associate, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, for 2006.

In his doctoral studies at Brandeis University, alumnus and current MGH Institute **Instructor Alex Hoyt,** serves as a research assistant on three research projects: NIDA funded research project surveys public sector primary care settings to explore the adoption of SBI protocols; NIDA funded research project that is a two-pronged survey conducted in four U.S. cities – the first survey is of substance abuse treatment facilities, and the second of physicians who specialize in addiction medicine or psychiatry; NIDA and NIAAA funded research project collected data from over 400 commercial health plans regarding both clinical and administrative aspects of behavioral health services.

Professor Inge Corless continues her HIV/AIDS research in the US and abroad. Current projects include: Site Director Study IV-Efficacy of the HIV/AIDS Symptom Management Manual - 2005; Co-Investigator Self Esteem and Physical Activity in School-Aged Children - 2005; Co-Investigator Grief and Depression - 2006; Principal Investigator. Text Messaging to promote adherence in South Africa - 2006; and Co-Investigator, Examination of Communication Between HIV-infected Individuals and Their Health Care Provider. Project Co-leaders Krista Dong, MD, and Hlubi Dlwati. 2006.

Clinical Assistant Professor Beth Friedlander recently received a PhD and is following through on her doctoral dissertation, Online Continuing Nursing Education: A Study of Factors Related to Nurse Practitioner Participation, by advising Institute faculty of ways to develop online and hybrid courses.

In March, **Clinical Associate Professor Karen Wolf** moderated a panel on Nursing at the Biomedical Sciences Career Program. Responding to expressed interest, this was the first time this federally sponsored program held such a panel. The three-day program was attended by more than 800 participants, most of whom were minority students from high school to graduate school. Coordinated by Harvard, the program was supported by federal and private funds.

In May, **Assistant Professor Ursula Kelly** traveled to the Dominican Republic for two weeks with Intercultural Nursing, Inc. to provide health care to residents of local and remote villages.

Margery Chisholm, EdD, RN, CS, ABPP
Director, Graduate Program in Nursing

Class News

1947, September

Dorothy Curran Sargent
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Dorothy Curran writes: I am safely resettled back in God's country, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. It is good to be closer to two of my six children and five of my seven grandchildren. I spend most of my spare time watching soccer and little league games! It seems strange after almost 60 years of working night shifts to be completely retired.
I won't be able to have any more mini-MGH reunions as I did in Florida, but I can attend the September Homecomings! I will be contacting my old classmates from September 1947 in preparation for a great attendance at our 60th Anniversary Reunion next year!! Come on Gals; let's make it a Great One!

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The class sends its sympathy to the family of **Kathleen Weare Porter** who died on November 30, 2005, with her loving family at her side. Her daughter, Mary Hubbard, wrote that Kit was able to celebrate Thanksgiving with her whole family, even though she was in declining health. If anyone is interested in corresponding with Mary, she indicated she would be happy to hear from you. Her telephone number is (505) 623-4720, and her address is 1507 W. Berrendo Rd., Roswell, NM 88201. **Lois Frothingham Feeny** has a new grandson. She is doing well and is looking forward to working in her garden when the weather permits. Her husband is coping with medical problems, but is holding his own. Lois sends everyone her best regards. **Sylvia Anderson Bridges** is looking forward to becoming a great grandmother. The baby, a girl, is expected in June. Sylvia said that she needs a knee replacement, which she has been putting off for some time. She had past knee surgery when she was a student. Nothing is scheduled, but it may be something she will have to face in the future.
Catherine Hrycay Howard had cataract surgery recently, which went well. She has had hearing problems and is considering getting a hearing aid. Her oldest granddaughter was married in April. She still lives alone and manages her 8-room house. **Nancy DiMattia Sannella** has been doing quilting; something she enjoys which does not require a lot of energy. She needs to conserve energy in light of her recent bouts of infection and fluctuating blood pressure. Nancy has a new granddaughter, born in January. During the month of June, 4 grand children will be graduating from different levels of grade school: one from elementary, one from middle school, and two from high school. She is planning to attend all graduations. Let's hope no two occur on the same day and time!
Phyllis Hayden McLain has been blessed with good health. She has been volunteering at the local library. In June, she will be traveling to California to attend a granddaughter's graduation.
Margaret Connors Bernier says that she and Gerard are doing fine. Her eldest granddaughter will be graduating from the University of Virginia in June and then will enter medical school in the fall. Peggy is still in the nursing home. She said her family visits often, and is very attentive to her. **Dorothy Curtis Fla-**

herty was due to be discharged from the hospital on May 6th, after having spent three weeks being treated for bilateral pneumonia. The class extends our best wishes to Dot as she completes her recovery at home. We hope your convalescence is rapid and uncomplicated. **Shirley Gordon Keller** and Dick remain very dedicated volunteers for their church. They are on the mailing team for the monthly newsletter (collate, staple, fold, seal, sort, count and bring it to the post office). Dick also drives congregation members, who can no longer drive, to church and doctor appointments or wherever else is necessary. Shirley was one of the many individuals who had trouble with the new Medicare Plan D. It took much time and many phone calls to finally find the answers and the right plan suited to hers and Dick's needs. Both she and Dick have medical conditions that are being managed with medication. On a brighter side, the grandchildren who were married last year are doing fine.

Mary Morris Gregory said she didn't have much news. One of her children lives in Seattle, and she is planning a visit there in June. The rest of her children live in California, so she is able to see them frequently. She is enjoying her grandchildren, and has one great-grand child. **Rose Harriet Jacobs Stewart** had laminectomy surgery in February. All went well and she was only in the hospital 2 days. Her back feels fine and she had no difficulty recovering. **Podee** was recently treated for pneumonia, but has not shown the improvement expected. She will be undergoing some additional diagnostic studies to pinpoint the problem. We wish her well. **Beatrice Comstock Paquin** still volunteers at the local library. Both she and Joe have been in good health. **Barbara Roser Manoni** has done nicely recovering from her knee replacement surgery last September, and her physician says she's right on target, since a full recovery takes one year. By coincidence, I met Barbara in a doctor's office in Hartford last year in November. She was able to drive at that point, which was about two months following the surgery. She says she still walks slowly and carefully. Her sister, Nancy, had two knee replacements at about the same time and is recuperating very well from her surgery. Larry had an Achilles tendon tear. He was able to return to teaching at the university for the semester that began in January and he was happy about that. Many other activities he'd like to pursue, such as golf, are too strenuous yet. Recently, Larry's doctors discovered a recurrence of lung cancer, which was initially diagnosed 2 years ago. He has opted to be treated medically and is undergoing chemotherapy. Our thoughts and prayers are with him as he battles this disease.

Clara Skowyra Sellon wrote about her family. Her brother, Ted, who had the stroke, last May is about the same. Her oldest brother, Tony (86), still works a full day in his machine shop. Her sisters, Anne (81) and Terry (76) are both doing well, but Alice (72) is in the later stages of Parkinson's disease. In either the fall of 2006 or spring of 2007 Clara plans to take a trip to Poland with her sister Terry. That should be exciting! Clara and Charlie's health has been good. As of April 30, Charlie has officially retired from church duties, making for plenty of time for his golf game. They still take their yearly trip to California to visit family there. **Dorothy Iwanicki** writes: My sister and I made an unexpected trip to Florida in April to be with my brother who was diagnosed with an abdominal aortic aneurysm. He had a stent implanted, and did quite well. His recovery was slow, however. I'm doing O.K. and still enjoying retirement. It was pleasurable to talk to so many of you these recent days. I look forward to getting information for the next issue of "The Record" before next October.

1949

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It is with great sadness that I report that our beloved classmate **"Peggy" Fraser Bender** passed away on February 10, 2006. Her daughter called **Blanche Couillard** with the sad news. Condolences may be sent to Pauline Jacobson, 4761 S. Hemingway Circle, Montate, FL 33062. On another sad note **Mary Hamilton Biggio's** husband passed away at Lahey Clinic following a long illness in October, 2006. Two of Mary's daughters are MGH grads and have been a source of great support, as have her other children, grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Mary is unable to drive due to severe arthritis and is essentially housebound. I know that Mary would love to hear from you. Her address is 11 Noreen Dr., Bedford, MA 01730-1405. **Ruth Henshaw Stronach** writes that they sold their house in June, went to Nova Scotia by auto train in July and missed their family reunion in August. 100 Bents from all over the world attended. They were back in FL October 10th in time for Hurricane Wilma. There was extensive damage, but Ruth and Bob were OK. **Ruth Tillson Lowell** and Howie are great. Ruth still plays tennis despite a knee problem. **Jackie Aieger Brown** is happy and enjoying her stay at Lathrop House. She participates in the many activities available to her and enjoys walks weather permitting. Thank you for the beautiful Christmas poem you shared with us. **Jean Lutz Perkins** writes that she'll be "80" this year, but feels more like "65". She still maintains her home and continues with family, line dancing, bridge, etc. Christmas day she and her daughter flew to Hawaii to spend the Holidays with her son Adam. **Sarah Wilhelm Babb** visited and they had a great time. She attended Elder Hostel Programs with her sister, Naomi, in Niagara Falls, Canada, and then on to Detroit to Mackinac Island. They had an excellent time.

Barbara Stevens Wright wrote that they were looking forward to seeing their children and grandchildren at Christmas. Their son, David, and his family were recently transferred from Six Flags in St. Louis, which is in Eureka. They aren't used to the cold by like small towns. **Gertrude Walsh Hynes** visited St. Augustine, FL, but not beyond. She spent some time in MA and spoke with **"Dot" Johnson McCarin**, who is struggling with some senile dementia. She is aware of her condition and is coping by keeping active. Dot now lives in Assisted Living. **Trudy and Warren** are well and enjoying their Senior Group at the Community College. They went to the Netherlands on a River Cruise last spring and the tulips were beautiful.

Irene Geislinger Swan writes that all is well. As usual she spent the summer in Vermont. She is now thinking of building an apartment over her son's garage in Pembroke. By next Christmas Irene may have a change of address. She hates to leave her home of "50" years, but spends a great deal of time in Pembroke caring for her grandchildren. **Marjorie Wescott Landrum** say they are just fine and were just presented with their first two great grandkids this year, both boys. She said every time she makes a bed she can feel Miss Perkins' eyes on her and still remembers falling asleep in her class and being called on. **Frances Carallo** writes that she survived the hurricane despite a great deal of damage. They were without electricity or telephone for eight days. Frances still has plenty of energy and is able to golf. **Anna Spahl Hoffman** was spending Christmas with family and she feels lucky that 3 of her children are nearby. She went back to MA for her 60th High School Reunion and enjoyed seeing so many of her classmates. **Ruth Postler Parlan** sent a lovely Christmas picture of

her and her handsome family, 2 sons, 1 daughter and 2 beautiful grandchildren. **Blanche Couillard** is well, but still experiences some periods of severe back pain. She visited with **"Kitty" Brennan** recently. **Patricia "Pat" Edge Wilson** writes that her son, Peter, is cancer-free and they are thrilled. They will have their customary Christmas breakfast with "Bill's French Toast" and enjoy family. Pat attended the Wilson Family Reunion with a spectacular boat trip I Resurrection Bay and the Gulf of Alaska. Unfortunately, Bill was unable to attend. Their retirement home is working out very well with many new friends.
Patricia "Pat" Mallory Kenniff's husband, Bob, told me she is holding her own. This is the beginning of her second year in the Nursing Home. Pat's sister, Mary, came down for seven weeks and Bob enjoyed the company. It was a great boost for Pat although Bob said she doesn't always recognize familiar faces and names. She enjoys it when he reads her cards and letters she receives. Bob appreciates hearing from Pat's fellow MGHers. **Joan Kiley Robtaille** is still working as a counselor in Lowell, MA. She works 24 hours a week plus on-call. Joan remains active and energetic. Catherine "Kitty" Brennan is still battling bone mets and pain, but her spirit is strong. She said she uses a walker and that her niece has come to live with her. She fell a while ago and fractured her hip, which required surgery. The hip is healing, however, the cancer cells have formed around the fracture site and she experiences considerable pain. The pain is being managed, but she tries to keep medication to a minimum. Kitty is essentially housebound which makes for long days. I know that she would love hearing from classmates. **Mary Libby Morris** writes that she is still working 3 days a week in a Long Term Care Facility in Winchester with a wonderful group of people. She feels fortunate that all her children live nearby. Mary says many thanks to **Jackie Brown** and **Ruth Henshaw** for sending her the Christmas notes. She writes, "Have a wonderful summer and please keep in touch."

September 1951

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Dear Classmates—We lost another one. **Doris Sears Bates'** son called me in early January to tell me she'd gone peacefully & suddenly, although she'd been very frail for a few years, but insisted on staying in her little house, alone, but did agree to Meals on Wheels. Her son, Peter, was with her when she collapsed and died. Her obituary was amazing. It listed all the programs, courses, etc. she set up in various state colleges & Jr. Colleges throughout the South. (I used to call her the Medical world's answer to Howard Johnson). She was appointed to the Georgia Board of Nursing by Governors Lester Maddox and Jimmy Carter and also served as a board member for the National League of Nursing. I'm sure we all have fond memories of "Sears", as she was called, and were lucky to have known her. One of the world's great characters! **Olga Aasen** and Don sent Christmas Greetings. Don has PT, OT & Speech Therapy, post his stroke last year, but Olga says life is hard, but still good. **Mary Hagerty Ford** also sent a Christmas card with her new address: 8 Rosewood Drive, Ipswich, MA 01838. She heard from **Mary Carlson Campion.** She & Bob have the usual aches & pains, but are doing OK. She also heard from **Alice Adams Southworth**, whose husband had a Lumbar Vertebral Fusion & also a hip replacement. They have 4 children, one in NH so they come East from Ohio, as well as visit a son in Miss. where they spent Christmas. Alice had skin cancer removed from her forehead, with a bandage the " size of Chicago",

in spite of always having been covered while in the sun. Go figure! Mary also saw **Ruth Fearnley Skonieczny** while she and Ralph were in Florida. She still lives in Bristol, CT.

Mary Sargent Mackin sent a card and also called last fall. She has sciatica and Ed has fainting spells! **Joan Vaillant Parent** has moved to Florida: 8316 Eagle Isles Place, Bradenton, FL 34212. She's Secretary of the Manatee River Garden Club. Joan was diagnosed with Celiac Disease in 2002. She's hoping to return to N.E. in 2006 - she's had enough hurricanes! She wondered if anyone plans to go to Homecoming, which will be our 55th! **Joan McCarthy Peterson** wrote that Pete has macular degeneration and refers to himself as an "immaculate degenerate!" She enclosed an Augusta, ME newspaper clipping of a picture of a doctor named Stephen Meister and wondered if it might be **Joan Sator Meister's** son. Mac also asked me to thank the members of our class who specialed her and those who donated blood for her back operation 54 years ago! She said that gratitude is a memory of the heart and thinks that **Joanne Taylor Blizzard** and **Katherine Pinckney Brooks** were two of the class, but isn't sure of the others, however, she sends her thanks.

Natalie Quirk Meaney has a new address: 206 Kleyona Ave., Phoenixville, PA 19460. She sold the house in Valley Forge and also the one in NH and can now walk to 2 of her children's homes. Nat's still working part-time. **Dot Gracie Snow** and Ralph have had a good year-both passed their physicals and don't have to see their oncologist for a year. However, Ralph has hematochromotosis and has to have a unit of blood drawn once a month. **Dodie Stone Bergeron** and her brother went to Corpus Christie for 6 weeks. She has 2 girls in San Antonio and Austin. Last Summer all 7 children plus 7 grandkids helped her celebrate her 75th! **Mary Thistle Chemini's** children and 4 grandkids live nearby. She's enjoying the family and was planning a Caribbean cruise in March. **Hilda Nelson Feneley** expressed an interest in a 55th reunion in Sept. but it's too late, I think, unless someone wants to make lots of calls! Just let her know if you'll be at Homecoming. **Marion Kelleher Evans** and I have spoken several times, and she was expecting her children for Christmas. I also called her to tell her about Sears, and also when my husband Chuck passed away in Sept. I'd like to thank all of you who sent cards & called. He was 91 years old and in ill health for about 6 years, although he was still humorous until the end. About a month before he died, he told me he'd had a Stress Test, which of course he hadn't. When I asked him how he did, he said he came in second! I asked who beat him and he said, "Ted Kennedy!" I knew then he was in rough shape! I'd been limping around, with a very painful left foot, trying to walk plus

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Key Ring (Pin)	$20.00
Tote Bag (Sundial)	$20.00
Note paper (10 with Nurse)	$10.00
Note paper (6 with Sundial)	$10.00
Full color Note (1 with Sundial)	$ 3.50
Mugs	$10.00
Umbrella	$15.00
Sun Catcher (Sundial)	$15.00
Books:	
The Next 25 Years	$15.00
Centennial Review	$10.00
An Alumnae Tribute	$15.00
Special Purchase all 3 books	$30.00

Please add $5.00 for shipping to all orders and allow two weeks for delivery.

play golf all summer. X-rays were all negative; finally, after 3 months of complaining, a CT scan showed a fracture of the 5th metatarsal and I was put into a cast and wheelchair for 4 months. Fortunately, the wonderful Lithuanian caregiver we had for Chuck was still here, so I was her new patient, not being able to walk or even stand. The day after the cast went on, I developed Salmonella poisoning from a PuPu Platter (and now I know why it's called that!). A month later, a UTI! Good riddance to 2005! I just finished 4 months of PT- even played 9 holes of golf, no worse than usual! I'm even back, selling Real Estate now! Robin's oldest daughter, Andrea, was married in June.
Chuck was well enough to attend the wedding and even danced with the bride, Robin, Betsy, Brone, our caregiver, and me! When he got out of his wheelchair to "dance" with Andrea, there wasn't a dry eye at the reception! My daughter, Betsy, ran her first Boston Marathon and finished in 4-1/2 hours! Thanks to all who sent so much news this time. It's probably the "newsiest" column ever! **J.B. Stocks Moore** sent me a copy of Sears' obituary, which she received from Sears' son, Peter Doherty. J.B. has been having circulatory problems, which affects her walking. She is now taking new medicines-lots of them! Jack Toplifffe, (**June Mariner's** husband) sent Christmas greetings, and went on a cruise-also sent a photo. It was nice of him to remember.

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Thanks to all who connected with me. Would still like to find info re: **Gunny Gleed Kesner.** Amesbury mail was returned. **Liz White Lewis**, we are praying with/for you. My new 21st Century pacemaker is just fine. It is amazing the change from the one I got in 1994. That worked wonders for 12 years, so no complaints. During my 23-hour stay, the quote on the wall was from Florence NightEngale and the spelling drove me crazy. I have been running back and forth to St Petersburg and now my aunt is ready to move to Columbus in Assisted Living. The change involves lots of work but she is ready to be nearer to me. Here is the news from your classmates: **Marge Sprague Dreselly** had a knee replacement 3/20 and returned home from the rehab facility about April 6. **Jean Breault,** we are glad you had your pacemaker brought up to date. I guess the new ones are far better than the old ones. Things here are still the same. So far all are healthy and still working. She sends best wishes to you and all our classmates. **Dotty Lucius Kozloski**, hope all is much better with the new "ticker clock" and that all the soreness has left. All is better here. I had my right ankle "Fused" Dec '05 and couldn't put that foot on the floor for six weeks. Thank God my brother lives with me now. He is a good help and a good cook, too I'm back, walking with a cane and at least I'm mobile. It's been a slowing down process--not easy for me --both my brothers complain that I do Everything Too Fast. The surgery was done as a result of a fx talus (heelbone) and resulting arthritis. My Mom used to say, "Don't complain about arthritis---it lets you know you're alive." She always had such a positive way of looking at things. Otherwise life is rolling along and I don't know where the time goes either. Keep me in the loop. Brother Dick and I leave for Sardinia (an Italian island off the west coast of Italy) on this coming Tuesday May 2nd. Dick's daughter Carol is working there for the US Navy---and has asked us over for a two-week visit. On the way home we will spend two days in London and sightsee. We expect to be home on the evening of May 17th. **Ginny Day Mckillop** - Thanks you for keeping us all

together. The article in the Record was good. Glad you are doing okay. Isn't it fun to become a senior citizen? Although, basically I only have a few aches and blood pressure problems. What a great time of year this is in Florida. Have the house open and the birds are busy singing away. It is very dry down here and we are having some fires around the area. I guess it is feast or famine, because later we will be complaining about the humidity, rain and hurricanes. Never the less I like living in Florida. Do have a few trips planned during the summer. It makes for a change of scenery.
Maureen Leary Peralta - Our new email is: *pera5@comcast.net*. **Ann MacLean Plunkett** writes: Joan, you are so good to try to keep track of us all. I am looking forward to our getting together again for the 55th next year. It will be nice to see the sculpture on the Bulfinch Lawn and also the Shouse Building. Didn't you enjoy reading the last issue of "The Record"? - especially the article about Natalie Petzold? I had an Angioplasty with stents in December and am doing fine. See you next year. **Ann Slattery Newton -** I don't think I have anything newsworthy. We are leaving on the 9th on a trans-Atlantic cruise, which I am looking forward to. (St. Johns, Cork, Dublin, London, Oslo, Amsterdam and fly home from Copenhagen.) Spring here in Omaha has been nice. We are finally having rain and the plants and grass are zooming up. I have not talked to **Margie Kearney Legge** lately so, no news there either. It was so great to get together in Ohio with you and Arlene. They were going on a family trip about now as I remember. **Nancy Robicheau Thibideau** writes: I have been away this spring as a couple of my close relatives have been ill. They are better now. One in AZ and the other in MA. We have lived in this del Webb community for nearly 2 years and the adjustment has been quite difficult for us. I think we have moved too many time in our 53 years together. We now live in Nova Scotia in the summer and winter in Florida. We feel deep down that we some day be back on the Cape as our roots and family are there-only time will tell. Jack and I have been blessed with good health and luck. We are grateful for that. Our three sons are fine too. Now that I have a minute to spare I must get in touch with my friends who live nearby. Thank you for thinking about the nurses of our class. Please keep in touch, as I love nursing and my classmates from MGH. I communicate quite regularly with a few of my classmates.
Lisa Howe Colt says, I am honored to be considered "a member of the class." Harry and I are retired in Western Massachusetts, living in The Lathrop Community in Easthampton. One of the happy things about these past few years is being back in good touch with **Nancy Robicheau Thibodeau.** (Her full name sounds like a poem!) I heard also from **Sybil** in Ohio this past year. So many faces I remember fondly from the days of Fruit Street and Mass General. May you all be well and happy. **Fay Morgan Noonan** informs us: About the only exciting news here is Mike Peart's graduation from Brown University the end of May. I believe he will receive his degree in International Relations. Jerry and I are planning to attend. He is the first of seven grandchildren to graduate from college. **Jane Schmidt Hoffman** Started a note to you yesterday. My daughter came in and I stored it in draft folder, but will respond directly-- I had snail mailed to **Miriam Wood Watkins,** the last bit of email that you had broadcast. She called me, the other day, to say that her husband, Jim, was doing well and was, indeed, able to drive himself now-- off to a alderman's meeting or some such thing and I did get the idea that Woodie was pleased to have a moment to herself, which she shared with me. She had sent a copy of the email to **Frannie Buck-** - whose last name is eluding me, at the moment. Frannie is good and coping

well with her husband's early Alzheimer's. He can't drive, but has friends in the area, so it is not such a dire situation. Am sorry that you missed the Final Four, but TV is good. Cliff and I are really bummed that UCONN is out!! Both boys and girls-- but we do LOVE the girls. Wonderful for me of limited mobility! Joan is inquiring if anyone has heard anything about **Betty White** and the state of her recurring cancer. A while back, she emailed a small note, but received no reply. Joan writes: I have not been feeling that great, myself. I have some sort of rheumatoid syndrome and am on Prednisone, but, today, my hands are so painful!! Also, my husband, Cliff, had a corneal replacement, Wednesday, and is on drops, every two hours-- but the doctor is pleased and I hope that this will be the end of his problem. He has not been able to do much reading of any sort since the beginning of this entire eye problem the other eye will have to be done as well. Otherwise, everything is OK, here. Did I write about my new granddaughter? She was born, three months premature, and just got out of the hospital, last month-- Caeli Jane-- Her mother and I chose the name, under pressure, and when I had to come up with a spelling for the birth certificate-- no time for deep thought! Her mom is an x-ray technician at Hartford Hospital, so all the neonatal charges have been covered. Wow! You cannot believe the cost! But, of course, she is worth every cent! My son and his family come to the US, in the summer. I hope that I am in better shape! They are going to spend some time RV'ing in the West! I did hear from **Annie Deveny**. She called to see how her cousin had fared with the transplant. She is well and busy with classes, but hopefully will write to you, herself. **Nancy Rahill McDonough** writes: Colman and I spent Thanksgiving in RI. with our daughter and her husband and also did a lot of visiting with brothers, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews and their children. Went up to Boston and saw the Sundial at the General. It is in an excellent location and is most impressive. I hope all our classmates have a chance to see it. Sally and "Buck" drove up to Providence to join Colman and me for lunch. They both looked great and we had a wonderful visit getting caught up on children and grandchildren, our activities in retirement and plans for the future. Imagine my shock when I found out that "Buck" had died Jan. 24 of cardiac arrest. I spoke with Sally a few days ago and she said the paperwork was unbelievable but she was just taking it one day at a time. I know everyone's thoughts and prayers are with her. Joan shares that they are well and manage to keep busy--sometimes too busy. Their children are throwing a family party to celebrate her 75th; She writes, "I have a totally different view of "Life@75" than what I thought it would be like when I was 21!" Happy 75th Joan, from your fellow Alumnae!

1955

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Sorry to be late with the news of our Fiftieth Reunion, but I have recently been recovering from shoulder replacement surgery. It was a great time for the 10 of us that were there. I am helping **Nancy Boucher Simonetti** with the news and sent out questionnaires to all the names that I had addresses for from the Alumnae Association. I plan to put them all in a booklet with the help of my son and send them out.

Much has happened to all of us in the past 50 years and I have gathered a lot of info on our class. So find your yearbook and take a trip down memory lane. The attendees are all in the pictures on the website. **Hope Michel Bakken** lives in Granby CO and her 3 children live both

in CO and Hawaii. She and Jack do a lot of traveling. **Elinor McGaughy Cassidy** lives in Holbrook, MA and has 6 children and 8 grandchildren. She and her husband celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. **Barbara Browne Doherty** lives in Dedham, MA. She has six children to her credit and thirteen grandchildren. **Barbara Durfee LaRoche** lives in Natick, MA and has six children and eight grandchildren.

Nancy Boucher Simonetti lives in Newton, and has 1 daughter. Nancy just retired after 50 plus years at MGH. Congratulations, Nancy. **Mary Ellen Wynn O'Hara** live on the Cape in Osterville, MA. She has 8 children and 12 grandchildren. Mary Ellen attended the reunion with **Jane Durno Stringer** who came in from Oregon. **Margaret Dunn Russell** lives in E. Winthrop, ME and **Mary Pell Khoury** in West Yarmouth, MA. **Patricia Walker Vining** lives in Braintree, MA, and has 7 children and 19 grandchildren. **Ann Hicky Braveman** lives in Quincy, MA and **Marge Hinkley Whipple** lives in Maine with her husband, David. When they were in FL they spend a great day with her old roommate **Nancy Stone Blough** who has 3 children and 3 grandkids. Relived some great memories. **Charlene Kiley McAllister** is in Laconia, NH with her 2 children and 3 grandkids. **Jane Riddell Peppard** resides in Georgetown, TX, with 2 daughters and 2 grandkids. **Jeanne Dumas Huston,** is in Lisbon Falls, ME. **Ruth Prior Thayer** calls Duanesburg, NY, her home with 2 daughters. **Ruth Anne Bradly Hazen** is from College Station, TX, and has 3 children and 4 grandkids. **Virginia Hines Vallencourt** lives in Gulfport, FL with 3 children and 4 grandkids.

Elizabeth Solinski Phillips is in Lexington, KY with 3 children and 7 grandkids. **Patricia O'Neil Greany Dewhirst** is close in Haverhill, MA with 3 children, 3 grandkids. We are putting together an expanded booklet with more information. It would be nice to have more pictures, so don't be shy and please share what you have. We have lost a few members of our class: **Anita Lepage Fine, Mary Jane Marchand Mulligan, Teddi Taajes Quinn and Dolly Davidites**. We send our condolences to their family and friends. I will get updates to classmates for whom I have addresses. Please keep me up to date with news.

Nancy Boucher Simonetti writes: The notes are brief this issue as I have just returned home after four months of travels. David and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary by sailing around the world on the QE II. We weren't sure how we would manage such a long time on a ship, but it was a wonderful experience. We spent our anniversary in Wellington, New Zealand and my seventy-first birthday at sea somewhere in the South Pacific. I had an E Mail anniversary card on February 12th from **Fran Brown** who surprised me by remembering the date. I am grateful that we have arrived at this point in our lives still healthy and able to do such a trip. **Edna Farrell Ross** sent a note at Christmas. She is finally out of the hospital and rehab and she and Art have moved into an assisted living facility. With the help of braces, special shoes, and a walker she is able to walk slowly. She said it's not home but at least she and Art are together again. **Judy Anderson Shopf** and Jere, who have lived in Covington, LA, for many years, wrote about their experiences with the hurricanes that devastated that area of the country last fall. They fled to Houston when Katrina struck. When they returned home they found many homes in their area were destroyed and felt very lucky to lose just a few trees and their roof. Hurricane Rita did some more damage but again they were spared serious destruction. Some good news. Their fourteenth grandson was born. They also have two granddaughters. After having five daughters, Jere calls it a "generation swap". Congratulations!

1956, September

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September 06 is fast approaching and it hardly seems possible that our 50th year is here. I hope many classmates will return. Has anyone thought of arranging a "get together"? I plan to be there for the Friday program and Saturday also. I noted **Mary Caira's** photo and write up about the 5 graduates from one High School class, so I dug out my Brockton High School year book, and came up with the following names; 6 in all that went to M.G.H. They are: **Phyllis Delano Skinner, Patricia Brown Chapman, Phyllis Sargelis Woodward, Elizabeth Svagdys Boland, Sandra Brown Young, Silvia Danis Chayek.** Sorry I don't have a picture; maybe we can have one taken at reunion! See you there!

1959, March

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Alice Wright Burd - No news with her Christmas card. **Gail Kent Clemmer** - Gail and George resettled in Palm Coast, Florida. They will spend winters here, and summers on the Delaware Coast at Gail's beloved shore home. David remains in Seattle, where he lives on the boat that he is upgrading and remodeling. In February, major mechanical problems occurred, and it will be many months before he will be able to use the boat to its full capacity. Ellen and her family are on a 3-year mission in a remote part of Africa.

Gene Shaffer Corcoran - In May, Gene and family welcomed her 1st granddaughter, Jenna Grace, daughter of J.D. and Wendy. Daughter Susan and husband John and son Charles moved to North Carolina, just 8 miles from J.D. Dan and June both work for McKesson Medical Supplies. They have 2 sons. Gene was in Rhode Island in September for her 50th High School Reunion. She traveled to Georgia, Russia for the wedding of one of her former resident students. She is a part-time companion to a lady with M.S. She spent Christmas in North Carolina with her family there.

Nancy Bassett Campbell - Nancy works rarely. She enjoys life- reading, playing golf and bridge. Children and grandchildren are all well. Most are scattered all over the U.S.-Seattle, New Hampshire, and Los Angeles. Andy and family are in Connecticut. **Marilyn Thayer Cote** - No news. **Roslyn Ruggiero Elms Sutherland** - Roz and Donald traveled to Amsterdam, Russia and Budapest in July. She came east for her 50th High School reunion in Lawrence. Her 90-year-old mother came with her, to spend time with her 95-year-old brother and other family. Roz is on the Boards of the Red Cross, and Center for Women's Health. She is learning to quilt, and is knitting more. Donald continues to work part-time. Laurel lives in Somerville, and Heather has left Budapest, and is teaching in Washington, D. C., at Georgetown University. Roz spends lots of time at their coastal home. She and Donald plan to travel to Morocco and Africa this year.

Elaine Finley Flanigan - Just an email with an address change.

Roberta Fitzgerald - Fitz attended her 50th High School Reunion in Providence, and spent time with Neighborhood friends and a colleague from Rhode Island Hospital. She did some genealogy work, and successfully found the family cemetery plots. She was satisfied to fulfill a childhood dream of finding the graves of her paternal grandparents, as her father had never been able to find his mother. She is renting an apartment outside of New York City, to see if she likes living outside of the city.

Amanda McCrea Fuhro - No news.

Maxine Clark Hybarger - I have had multiple emails with Maxine and Ray. Since last September, their son Gerry has been incapacitated – as his spine was collapsing. He had complex surgery, spent many weeks in ICU with multiple life-threatening complications. He recovered enough to go to Rehab, was paralyzed with no feeling from the waist down. He has recovered some feeling in his legs. He continues in therapy at Pleasant Care in Santa Cruz. In March, Maxine and Ray spent 12 days cruising to Buenos Aires, the Falkland Islands, Chile and Uruguay. They had great weather, enjoyed time at a Penguin Rookery, and other sights. Their Christmas letter included a great picture of Maxine and Ray as Mr. and Mrs. Claus with Gerry. **Barbara King Hemingway** - No news. **Eleanor Dyer Hamilton** - Ellie had lunch with **Mary Romeo** in December. She sold her home to her son, Craig. He is fixing up the house, adding a garage and an apartment for Ellie. She works part-time in the Chelmsford School System.
Ruth Fife Mann - Ruth and Ginger are well. Doug and Erin moved to a smaller home in Ohio. Rebecca and Allen moved to a cottage in Webster. Martha and Peter are looking for a bigger home in Maine. **Judith Palmer Muggia** - No news. **Mary Jannino Romeo** - Christmas card no news. **Mary Duggan Roy** - No news. **Suzanne Seymour** - Suzanne is living in a smaller, more manageable home. She is a Certified Master Gardener and her home was on the Federated Garden Clubs Verascape Tour- 500 people came in 2 days. She has been to Europe twice. Her son, Kevin, married a British girl, and they live and work in London. Son Sean is married and lives near Durango. He has a syndicated radio show. Daughter Jennifer is making progress in spite of her disability. She trains dogs, and does some graphic arts on the computer. Suzanne has lost much of the strength in her right leg, due to a back injury. She also has other health problems. She has 2 Maine Coon cats, and a young dog.
Mary Flannery Caira writes: I continue as a Hospice Nurse- working about 30 hours a week. I love the work, but the documentation and other issues are a challenge. I continue on the Alumnae Board. Mike was very ill in November and December, and has recovered fairly well. He can walk a few feet, but is pretty much housebound. He is on oxygen at night, as his sats drop into the seventies. Our children are okay. Chris, Kelly, and Abbey, our newest grand daughter, moved to North Carolina in March. We dearly miss them. We were spoiled-our kids have always lived nearby. This year, there will be a CEU program at MGH on September 29th and Homecoming at the MGH Institute on September 30th.
It will be opportunity to hear about the changes at both places. The Knight Nursing Center is under construction in the former Phillips House. The quilt will be displayed there. I will let you know when this occurs. Just a reminder - Homecoming for the celebration of our 50th anniversary is scheduled for the 27th of September 2008.

1959, September

Margo Johnson-Taylor was helpful in planting the seed for Deborah Washington, Director of Diversity for Patient Care Services at MGH to plan an event celebrating the life and work of multicultural nurses during Black History Month. Margo was able to furnish her with names and addresses of some of the African-American alumnae who had graduated in the 1950s. The program was held at MGH on February 17. Margo was unable to attend herself, but those alumnae who attended the program with their husbands were: **Christine Jones-Reid**, Feb., 1954; **Shirley Kelly-Fortson**, Sept., 1955; **Edith Barboza-Clark**, Sept., 1958, and **Barbara King-Hemingway**, March, 1959. The four attendees and

Margo received pins and African stoles. **Betty Ultsch Beyer** informs us of her address: 316 Green Mt Drive, Nacogdeches, TX 75964. Betty's sister and family from New Orleans were with Betty for over a month after Katrina. Then Rita came! Both houses were O.K., but it was stressful for all! Betty's daughter, Leslie, graduated from nursing school in June '05. Betty was allowed to pin her onstage and says it was an exciting moment! She is working in PACU. Leslie's son is also in nursing school. Betty is still working PRN in day surgery at Nacogdoches Medical Center. Betty has heard from **Nancy Sturtevant Bray** who is doing fine. She spent the summer at her Maine cottage with her daughter and grandchildren from Ireland. Betty was to join them but decided to visit her granddaughter, Camille, in Florida.

Jane Adams Watts wrote to **Jane Marie Henrick** to inform her of **Barbara Buckman Ringkjob's** death on 11/1/05. She had a malignant brain tumor, diagnosed in July 2004 and lived a year longer than predicted. She died peacefully at a hospice with her husband and daughter at her side. She lived each day to the fullest and did a lot of writing about her days at MGH, which she submitted, to the MGH History Project. **Carol French Publicover** writes that they are doing well. She retired Sept 1. She and Jerry celebrated with a wonderful tour of China and Japan. They had 30 extended family members for Thanksgiving dinner. Crazy but fun! For Christmas they visited each of their five children and grandchildren. Heard from **Lucy Baker Hofer** at Christmas. They planned trips to Tortola, B.V.I in Jan and New Zealand in March. Her 50th Northfield-Mt Herman reunion will be in June. Her son, David, enjoys work as a computer engineer in NYC.

Kathy Glendenning Dixon and John have had a stressful couple of years filled with natural disasters. In October their FL house was hit by two hurricanes 10 days apart. It will not be completely repaired until April '06. In Jan '05 they had experienced damage to homes in RI and CT from major snowstorms. Wilma hit the FL home again with more damage. Health problems (John severed part of a finger on his sailboat, and Kathy is having mobility problems and spinal cord damage) have also intervened. Lord's Point, Stonington, CT is now their Northeast Coast residence. Kathy, we hope your real estate problems are settled, your health improved and your family well. **Jane Hartwell** is enjoying her retirement. She and **Mary Furber Raymond** met **Melba Cederholm Armour** at the MGH fall CEU program. Jane's mother, at 93, still keeps Jane "in line". Jane volunteers as a driver for the local COA van, taking seniors to medical appointments.

Mickey McCarthy Perry is retired. Her husband suffers from Parkinson's. Jane hopes to visit **Jackie Flynn** in spring '06. Jane's niece is in her 2nd year of law school in NYC. Her nephew is working as a civil engineer in Concord, NH. From **Ellie Treinas Prevoski**: They have had a difficult year. Steve is recovering from a stem cell transplant in August 2005. They are feeling relief and gratitude to physicians at UMass Medical Center. We are thinking of you and Steve, Ellie. **The Newnhams** report a hectic fall. Bob was diagnosed with Thyroid Lymphoma. He has gone through chemo very well and now he starts radiation for 5 weeks to clean up any malignant cells. Meanwhile my older sister was staying with us for four months. Our daughter lives in NYC and was losing her hearing. She had a successful stapedectomy and is doing well. We look forward to hearing from any of you. Be well and happy in 2006!

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Emails received from Classmates:
Dolores Jakubczyk Mougin - Life in

Kansas has been just as busy as when we were working and living in CA. We just returned from Ixtapa, Mexico yesterday. We met our friend from CA there and stayed a week enjoying the warm weather. Our grandkids here in Lawrence are growing up. Josie was 10 on April 3rd. We see them often as they live only about a half-mile away. In February, we went on a 16-day cruise to the Panama Canal. We ended up in San Diego and stayed for a few weeks with our youngest son and daughter-in-law. My 50th high school reunion is this October. I am looking forward to the 50th reunion of our MGH nursing class.

Diana Hagenbarth Russo - All is well in Vero Beach, FL. Fred will have a knee replacement, so I will play nurse. Then we will head for North Carolina to our log cabin in the mountains for the summer. We plan a trip - Collette Tour- to South America in October. I will be happy to hear news of everyone. Let me know when we will celebrate our 50th. **Sheila Murphy Cram** - My son David, the class baby, has developed some health issues and has moved to Natick to be nearer to me. He seems to be improving in the new environment. I'm still throwing out all the mail promising a $10,000 sign-on bonus to work nights in local nursing homes. Golf, bridge, gardening, and hanging out with friends are much more attractive activities. My sister has been kind enough to share her grandchildren with me so I have frequent contact with an 8 year old and an 18 month old - both boys. It fascinates me to see how differently these kids are developing. One's going to Broadway and the other's probably going to play soccer.

Carol French Publicover - I remain retired since 9/1/05 and am enjoying it very much. Let's see what's new with us: Everyone is well! The entire family remains in Florida except a twenty-five year old granddaughter who lives near Portland, Oregon. We are expecting great-grandchild #3 in August, the first boy. We have not done any extensive traveling since our wonderful trip to China and Japan in September and have no plans to leave the country this year. We will be leaving for 2 weeks in Texas April 18th. I remain co-chair of the host committee for the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care so we will attend the meeting in San Antonio after spending 10 days touring the western part of the state. We have never been to this part of the state before and look forward to seeing the Big Bend National Park, El Paso, and many other sites. In June we will be driving to Massachusetts for the first time in ages. It will be my 50th high school reunion and promises to be a very special time, for it is also the 100th birthday of our beloved Fairhaven High School. In past years, we've always had to rush up and back by plane due to work commitments. This time we can take our time, visiting many old friends and relatives on the way. After ma-a-a-any years, Jerry will even see his best childhood friend in Chapel Hill.

Diana Bailey Roma - We just returned from Florida and we had a great winter down there. We were busy mostly with church activities. We have been studying French to prepare for a two-week visit with my nephew and his family in France at the end of May. In planning is a trip to Boulder, Colorado in July to visit one of the sons. My 50th high school reunion is being held in September. It is hard to believe it has been 50 years. The oldest grandson will marry in October and then it's back to Florida.

Jane Adams Watts - There are no major changes in my life. I am fully retired and volunteer at the Baltimore County Public Library reading to the preschoolers. I love having free time and still enjoy my dogs. **Barbara Frank Knapp** - My youngest daughter was married in September to Rick Ledford. They both live and work in Chicago. She is with the wealth management group of Black Rock Financial and he is an IT person with his own company, The Ledford Group. My old-

est daughter, Linda, her husband Dennis and 4 children live here in Cedar Rapids. I am so fortunate to see them almost every day. Linda has a busy practice as a pediatrician and with children from age's 7 to 1 years old, her husband decided to be a "stay-at-home" Dad for a few years until Nathan begins pre-school. David, my only son, also lives in Chicago. He is with the business strategies of Northern Trust. As he turns 40 soon, he continues to be a bachelor, although he has a serious girlfriend of almost 5 years!!! I keep my interest in nursing by serving on the Board of Directors of Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids as well as on the Nursing Advisory Board of the College of Nursing at the University of Iowa. The only classmate I see is **Barbara Phaneuf Murphy.** My husband, Jim Nikrant is semi-retired, which allows us to escape to Naples, Florida. I cannot believe we are looking at 50 years in "09!!!!! Yikes. I would like to see you all again.

Carol Harris Wilson - Her Christmas letter states: In late May the owners of the ballet school and company that my daughter Jessica has been working for since 1993 decided to retire. Rather that take over their studios Jessica decided to open her own. During the summer Charlie was involved in the build out of the space found in Marlborough in a renovated shoebox building. Jessica was a guest teacher at the Boston Ballet's summer program. I ended up sitting at the computer making files of perspective students. The studio opened September 12th with 70 students. I am the studio manager and work 4 days a week. Two performances are scheduled for January, so rehearsals are held all day Sat and Sunday. Just like the days when Jessica danced the Nutcracker with the Boston Ballet, except I was 15-20 years younger. The family room floor is covered with Mother Ginger's dress, because Charlie is in charge of making the 8-foot hoops, which hold out the skirt. If you are interested, she has a web site www.metrowestballet.com. Chuck and Michele are well. Both teaching full time and Zachary is adorable although very stubborn, determined and much too intelligent. We went to PA for a week in August and November to care for him. I had a wonderful time but was exhausted. They came home in July for 4 days. I wanted to keep him here but no such luck. Chuck's college roommate recently recorded an album. Chuck provided backup and laid down a track playing both didgeridoo and djembe. It sounds great! Zachary has his own didgeridoo. Charlie and I have been well except for a few aches and pains. I did have an emergency appendectomy for a ruptured appendix and abscess, but was back to work a week later. We were too busy to sail as much as we would have liked, but there is next summer. Although Jessica is already talking summer programs! I still find a few minutes to work on the family genealogy, although I had hoped to have printed information by now.

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In April, 2005 I traveled to Taiwan and lived with a friend and colleague with whom I worked in Cambridge, MA, in the early 80s. We had a great time exploring the island. For Fang Ying, it was a renewal of her early life in Taiwan. I continue to travel to CA for a month in the spring and late fall, which always renews me. Since June of 2005 I have lived with my son and now rent his apartment, which is part of the large main home in Dracut, MA. It is wonderful being with him and his family. My grandson comes up to see me most days and sleeps over on a weekend night. We currently are into dinosaurs, dragons and knights. They are assembled on the living room floor for play action at a second's notice.

Then we climb in to the mini-tent and are safe. Campbell, my daughter's son, is 20 months and loves to have me over to play. He wakes from his nap and calls for me even though his mother is at home. "Nana, coat please, outside play." Kathy and I laugh as we both recognize how important we all are to each other. Juliette is 8 and in second grade. She is a budding gymnast who fell off the high bar, and broke the proximal part of the radius. She cannot wait to get the cast off and get back on the bar. I spend a lot of time searching my genealogy.
My maternal roots are French Canadian, including an ancestor who was captured by the Indians at the Deerfield, MA raid in 1704 and was taken to Canada. So I find Farnsworth roots. In Canada the name was heard as Phaneuf and became French. It appears that Barbara and I have some distant genes in common. The French Canadian records are amazing. Most families came to America as early as 1600 and I have the records back to births in the late 1500's in France. Every Wednesday I go to the French Canadian Genealogy Library in Manchester NH. I meet many wonderful people and discover we are related. It is always fun to find where on the family tree we connect. My English and Irish ancestors are more difficult to find. The French Canadian records never drop the female family name where the Irish and English list only the married names. I get to the gym three times a week to lift weights, do floor exercises and swim and I returned to ice skating this winter. My health remains excellent. I love life and try to live it fully each day. Our 50th Reunion will be in September of 2009 and I am the lead organizer. So let's stay in touch, which will make the work easier. Tentative plans are to have a meal and gathering at MGH on Friday night of the Homecoming Weekend following the daytime program the hospital has. Saturday lunchtime will be with the Alumnae Association. Beginning this year, the Alumnae Association is having the luncheon at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in the Charlestown Navy Yard, home of old *Ironsides*. Everything will be near MGH. Saturday evening and Sunday would be open to connect in smaller groups. Any other ideas are welcome. If there is a need, we can get a block of rooms at a nearby hotel.

1960

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I so enjoyed the new "facelift" of our alumnae magazine. I know for sure that we do not look any older than we did during our training years. A few classmates did not recognize **Lila Crowley** or **Angela Barile** at first. **Kate Latta** and Bill and the Stidham's had lunch together in Florida during April. My belated thanks to Kate and Bill for procuring the MGH Trustees Room for our reunion. Bill brought the refreshments and together with my husband, John, were the perfect hosts. Kate and Bill celebrated their silver anniversary this past fall. They met in the MGH OR where Kate and Bill retired after many years as nurse anesthetist and anesthesiologist respectfully. **Hope Truesdale Thomsom** and Don spent 2 months in the Florida Keys in their self-contained camper. Then it was back to Connecticut, reload and drive to Alaska. They love it there and have made several trips over the years. **Jan Santos Ludwig** and Pete have broken ground on a new home in Middleton, RI. Jan still works part time at Salve Regina College as a nurse practitioner. One grandchild,Tess, is adorable.
Pat Toas Carden is a member of Great Old Broads For Wilderness. I thought she was kidding until she sent me their brochure. They advocate for wilderness

as well as do a project for the forest service, plus having fun. The four of us are going on a 12-day cruise in the Mediterranean and looking forward to visiting new places. **Angela Barile Walsh** and husband Bob live in Westerly, RI. Bob is a patent attorney, as is their daughter, Amy. Angela likes plants and at one time worked in the garden section at Home Depot. **Genie Weed Baxter** and Don celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. Genie sent pictures of her four grandchildren taken at the Baxter's annual birthday bash. **Nancy Wheaton Merson** of Bainbridge Island, WA, nursed her ex-husband Alan, at home until he passed away in October. She is a retired nurse anesthetist as well as a great sailor who has planned some daring adventures in the open water. Stay safe and dry, Nancy. **Linda Walker Housman** and Ken have planned a summer trip visiting Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Ken spent time in Germany in the Air Force. Linda tells me **Ellie Tomasian Venetzian** has retired as Director of PhD Nursing Program at UMass. We hope to see **Anne Keirnan Manton** at Bev Towles house in the spring. **Gayle King Lee** of Larchmont, NY, will try to join us. Anne continues to see patients as a psych mental health nurse practitioner. **Bev Towle Hall** of Portsmouth, RI, says she is working part time. I do not know what she is doing but she has lots of experience as a very capable businesswoman. **Donna Sweeny Harrill** of Westford, MA, has lots to share in her Christmas letter. Scott, a navy pilot, got married in October. Ed, the second son, is a commercial pilot. Chuck, the youngest son, pilots 18 wheel trucks cross-country. Donna is also on the road daily to visit her brother Ed in a nursing facility in NH. Husband Jim had heart surgery this past winter but still oversees construction of their new home in Emerald Isle, NC. The house is on the beach and large enough to accommodate family and friends.

Caroline Stone, Plymouth, MA, spent a week last spring visiting her brother in VA. She plans a trip to the Canadian Rockies and Glacier Park in the fall. **Joan Masterson Kugel** wrote "Didn't you love the featured article about Ms. Petzold?" (I sure did, and was especially happy that she was my advisor.) Joan is planning to attend a vetinarian convention in Honolulu. Is there a vet in the family? Thanks for all the news. Send me a note or email and I will submit it to our alumnae magazine. Remember, we get together twice a year within a few hours ride from Boston and welcome any and all of you to join us. Please contact me and I will let you know when and where we meet.

1971

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Hello all! This is our 35th Anniversary year. It seems like only yesterday. It would be nice to see as many classmates in September as possible. **Edith McCausland** writes that she has kept in touch with **Sally Clapp**. Edie has been working part-time for the past 11 years at UMMC, Worcester, MA, in a Medical ICU. She has worked at St. Vincent Hospital for 23 odd years, as a staff nurse and nurse manager of the PACU for 14 of those years. She has also done per diem for the VNA and a freestanding surgical clinic. She moved back to her childhood home over twenty years ago to help her mother until she passed away two years ago. We extend our sincere condolences to you and your family. Edie graduated from Clark University with a BS in Liberal Arts and has taken some graduate courses. Edie shares, "MGH SON was great in retrospect, I feel the education plus my first position as a staff nurse prepared me well for my career." Working two

Class of 1975 (left to right) Front: Mary Jane Pearson Coakley, Michelle Dubois Finnell, Mary Fischer. Back: Anne McSweeney LaMontagne, Donna Emberley Crowley, Nan Sersig.

12-hour shifts a week, Edie is one of the senior staff nurses in her unit and enjoys mentoring the young nurses.

1973

Ellen Mossman Oulundsen lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, FLA. She has been married to Harry for 32 years and has 2 daughters and 1 son-in-law. She currently is working in real estate. Ellen says she kept in touch with classmate, **Marci Christensen,** until she passed away in November, 2001. Our sympathy to Marci's family, classmates and friends.

1974

Virginia Ryan Morrell sends her regards. She has been married to William "Bill" for 27 years. They live in Abington, MA, with their 3 children (2 boys and a girl). Ginny works at Tufts-NEMC in Boston, MA, as an Administrative Clinical Manager.

1975

Donna Murray Gibbons is well and has recently moved from MA to Shapleigh, ME. She has been married to Leo J. for the past 22 years and they have 2 children, Michael (21) and Lynne (19). She is recovering nicely from her recent bilateral hip replacements. Despite this down time Donna continues to commute and works at Tufts-NEMC as a staff nurse on an oncology unit.

Felicia Kulig Fullerton or Sally Johnson Scholarship Application

General Requirements:

1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the scholarship).
2. Application must be received preferably by May 1st or prior to the course of study.
3. Scholarship to be returned if another full tuition grant is awarded.
4. Preference will be given if the degree pursued is in Nursing.
5. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
6. End of the semester: passing grades must be submitted showing completion of course.

Name of Applicant _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

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Telephone Number/Email Address _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

Date of Graduation from MGH or MGH Institute _____

State currently registered in _____

How long have you been an active member in the Alumnae? _____

Have you applied for or received any other scholarship assistance? _____

If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____

Which college/university do you plan to attend? _____

Tuition needed for course or semester _____ credits _____

Attending full or part time? _____ total credits earned to date _____

Any portion of the course cost reimbursed by your employer? _____

When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____

What degree are you working towards in Nursing? _____ other field?_____

What are your future plans in Nursing? _____

Education other than MGH or MGH Institute:

College/University Address Dates Attended Credits/Degrees

Professional Experience since Graduation from MGH or MGH Institute: Include position, full or part time, agency and dates. Attach a separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

Signature _____ **Date**_____

Public Law 9338 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school records. Signing of this application gives the committee chairperson permission to look at your MGH or MGH Institute school records, if necessary. Rev/2002

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund Application

The loan fund is available to active members of the Alumnae Association to aid in further education in the field of nursing. A sum not to exceed $8,000 may be borrowed per lifetime. Repayments are made on a monthly installment plan, due on the 10th of each month, commencing three months after completion of the program. Full details of the loan fund are available from the Alumnae Office.

Name of Applicant _____
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Telephone Number/Email Address _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

Date of Graduation from MGH or MGH Institute _____

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How long have you been an active member in the Alumnae? _____

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2006 Homecoming Registration

Yes, count me in for the 2006 Homecoming!

Please register me for:

❍ **Friday, Sept. 29 CE Program**
NAA Members - $30 Non-Members - $40

❍ **Saturday, Sept. 30 Homecoming Luncheon**
$50 per person*

❑ I plan to attend the morning sessions - *free*
❑ I plan to attend the afternoon workshop - *free*

❍ **Friday & Saturday Programs, Sept. 29 & 30**
NAA Members - $80 Non-Members - $90

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All reservations must be received by September 15, 2006. No refunds for cancellations received after September 15, 2006. Space is limited and no onsite registration will be available.

* Scholarships available; contact Mary Caira, Homecoming Chair, at (617)926-9944 or *mcaira44@comcast.net*.

In Memoriam

1926, Mary Springer Dotts on November 6, 2005

1933, Grace Shattuck Steward

1936, Emily Wyman Wigh on January 23, 2006

1949, Margaret Fraser Bender on February 10, 2006

1949, Kathleen Weare Porter on November 30, 2005

1951 Doris W. Bates on January 10, 2006

1953, Alice Gill O'Neill on February 11, 2006

1953, Beth Hubley Thomson

1953, Barbara McGarrity Boisjolie

1954, June Stott Moore on February 4, 2006

1955, Joan Piekarski

1955, Anita Lepage Fine

1955, Mary Jane Marchand Mulligan

1955, Teddi Taajes Quinn

1955, Dolly Davidites

1959, Barbara Buckman Ringkjob on November 1, 2005

1973, Marci Christensen on November 11, 2001

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